

OBITUARIES

Paul Clinton Skarra

Seaside
Sept. 19, 1944 — Aug. 17, 2021

Paul Clinton Skarra passed away peacefully in his bed, as he would have wanted, and where his brother, David, found him on Aug. 17, 2021.

Paul was born the third child and son to Perry E and Rozelle “Dolly” Skarra in Browning, Montana, on Sept. 19, 1944. Paul lived the majority of his life in Oregon — Portland, Lake Oswego, Clatskanie, and for the past many years, Seaside.

Paul loved the beach, the sounds of the waves and the wind when walking on the beach or sitting enjoying a sunset with a cold beer or glass of red wine. Paul opened his homes to family and friends to enjoy this peaceful place with him. Paul had multiple chances to show his heroic triumph over adversity in his lifetime

— including his multiple wounds, seen and unseen, from his work in the U.S. Army in Vietnam in the late 1960s. Paul loved a good time and traveled with family and friends to “hot spots” for fun and togetherness and enjoyed taking his chances at slot machines along with a glass of wine and sharing his bounty with friends and family.

Paul remained kind, generous, sweet, a good friend to many and an attentive brother to his family for his whole life.

Paul is survived by his brothers, David (Diane), of Hammond, Mike, of Vista, California, Stuart, of Escondido, California; sisters, Suzanne, of Santa Cruz, California, and Terese, of Oceanside, California; numerous nieces and neph-

ews and great nieces and nephews.

When Paul met you, you became a friend, which results in so many friends who loved and respected him that they number too many to count.

Besides his parents, Paul was predeceased by his brother, John, of Portland; sister, Mary, of New Mexico; and niece, Bridget Skarra, of Oregon.

The family expresses gratitude to brother, David; nephew, Kyle Skarra, for helping in so many ways and making final arrangements; the Kulunkis — longtime friends from Clatskanie for their help, generosity, love and calm consideration; and thanks to April — caregiver and friend.

Memorial plans are forthcoming.

POLICE NOTES

Unoccupied truck pulled from water in Seaside

Seaside police, fire and Classic Towing fished out a Nissan pickup truck last Thursday shortly after noon from the Necanicum River near Cartwright Park. The truck was unoccupied.

The truck likely came in from the nearby boat ramp, Police Lieutenant Guy Knight said.

Before pulling the truck from the water, divers searched it, Knight said. “There was a bunch of junk in there, but we didn’t see anybody,” he said.

The owner was located and police are working with him to figure out the circumstances of why the vehicle ended up in the water, Knight said.



Britton Kilian

A pickup is pulled from the water at the boat launch at Cartwright Park.

Child dies in pool drowning

A 3-year-old boy drowned in a neighbor’s pool last week.

Authorities said Grayson Bishop was playing outside with his 5-year-old brother under the eyes of adults, who suddenly realized the younger boy was missing.

The adults started looking for Bishop. A short time later, his grandmother found him in the neighbor’s above-ground pool. A fence that separates the properties had a small opening that the boy had slipped through.

Bishop was taken to Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria but did not survive.

“It’s one of those tragedies that absolutely breaks everyone’s heart, you know?” Sheriff Matt Phillips said. “It just really doesn’t get a lot worse, if at all.”

The family has set up a GoFundMe account to help pay for funeral and medical expenses.

One injured in early-morning Gearhart blaze

An overnight fire in Gearhart resulted in a burn injury as the fire reached more

than 200-foot flame lengths and torched trees.

Gearhart Fire officials said they received a call at 4 a.m. Monday about a structure fire in the area of Katie Court. The first crews to arrive called for additional assistance after finding two structures fully involved.

It took about 30 minutes to bring the fire under control, Gearhart Fire’s Interim Training Officer James Hutchinson said.

Crews left the residence 11 hours after the fire was out.

The cause of the fire is unknown and under investigation.

The injured person received non-life-threatening burns to their foot, Hutchinson said.

The Red Cross was called to assist with displaced residents.

Gearhart was assisted by the Seaside, Warrenton and Lewis and Clark fire departments and the Oregon Department of Forestry. Additional assistance was provided by the fire departments of Hamlet, Cannon Beach, Nehalem, Astoria and Knappa.



Gearhart Fire

One person was injured in a fire early Monday morning on Katie Court in Gearhart.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG



Aug. 13

2:23 p.m., U.S. Highway 101 by Helicopter Pad: Motor vehicle accident.

2:46 p.m., 400 block S. Roosevelt: Subject is transported to the hospital for drinking cooking sherry. Subject is also cited for theft.

11:26 p.m., Broadway: Subjects playing volleyball in the street are advised to stay out of the roadway.

Aug. 14

2:53 a.m., Quatat Park: Subjects reported trying to get the swan boats into the river are gone on police arrival.

4:11 a.m., 1100 block N. Roosevelt: Subjects having a campfire in a parking lot are visited by police and the fire department.

9:47 a.m., Beach and Avenue S: A small child reported lost is reunited with its parents.

9:26 p.m., 1000 block S. Holladay: An assault is reported.

Aug. 15

3:57 p.m., Lewis and Clark Way: Caller says an unknown man is in her garage. Police arrive and trespass him from the property.

10:35 p.m., 1000 block S. Holladay: Sex crimes are reported.

Aug. 16

2:44 a.m., 300 block Elk Creek Road: Police assist Cannon Beach police with a disturbance.

6:59 p.m., The Cove: Caller reports a large U-Haul van with people living in it. Police contact the occupants who say they are here for beach volleyball weekend and their lodging fell through. They say they will be leaving in the morning.

4:33 p.m., Shilo Inn: Sex crimes are reported.

9:24 p.m., 1400 block N. Wahanna: Caller reports someone is in their basement. The Clatsop County Sheriff’s office is advised.

Aug. 17

3:24 p.m., Avenue T: A de-

ceased person is reported.

8:12 p.m., 85000 block U.S. Highway 101: A vehicle reported stolen from Brookings is located and stopped by Camp Rilea by Oregon State Police.

Aug. 18

1:35 a.m., 600 block S. Edgewood: EMS call.

2:45 a.m., 400 block Broadway: A person is arrested on a warrant.

10:56 p.m., Tenth and Necanicum: A woman refusing to leave private property is spoken to by police.

3:18 p.m., Third and Necanicum: A male and a female reported arguing say it’s verbal only.

5:30 p.m., 1300 block Broadway: Adults arguing with each other on the children’s playground are reported causing a disturbance. Police helped calm the grown ups down.

7:52 p.m., 500 block Avenue A: A seagull trapped in a hotel room is safely freed.

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THANK YOU, SEASIDE!



Hood To Coast / Portland To Coast Relays would like to thank the City of Seaside, Seaside Fire and Rescue, Seaside Police Department, and Seaside Chamber of Commerce for hosting the 39th HTC/PTC Relays Finish Party. Your beautiful city and county were on display this year for participants from all 50 U.S. States. We would also like to thank Clatsop County public safety, residents, and businesses for your patience and support. \$19,000 will again be donated to Seaside Parks and Recreation.

With more than 60,000 individuals visiting Seaside for The Hood and Portland To Coast Relays, this visit represents a first impression to a captive audience that very often leads to future visits for these individuals and their families. This is an economic impact that goes beyond measure and one that can very often be a lifelong development of future memories in your town. Thank you Mayor Jay Barber and Chamber Executive Director Brian Owen for helping make an amazing impression!

Participants raised over \$600,000, which benefits the Providence Cancer Institute. Since 2013, participants have raised over \$5 million to help #FINISHCANCER.

Thank you Seaside for supporting the race for 31 years in your community! We look forward to many more fantastic race finishes in Seaside. Special thanks to all the amazing charities on course; runners and walkers loved everything you provided. We look forward to seeing you all in 2022!

